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## Briceburg Fire



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## Chilean Fire Study Tour

**Mariposa** - The Incident Management Team (IMT) at the Briceburg Fire hosted a Chilean fire study tour group led by representatives of the U.S. Forest Service Office of International Programs and the U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. The Chilean participants represented the Chilean Forestry Corporation (CONAF), the National Office of Emergency in the Ministry of the Interior (ONEMI), the U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) and Chilean firefighters. The purpose of the Chilean fire study tour was to bring this group of fire professionals from Chile to the United States to engage with technical experts on the topics of the implementation of the Incident Command System (ICS), understanding the mix of aerial wildland firefighting, exploring forest fires and the wildland urban interface. The goal of the activity was to work towards the creation of an aerial operations program in Chile and learn how the United States manages fires and selects the appropriate resources. The Chilean participants will return to their agencies with improved technical knowledge on the topics of fire and aviation management, and will work to coordinate improvements in their local, regional, and national systems.







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